

Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009
LMAS District Health Department, Newberry, MI

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council members present: Lawless, Walker, Rodock, Owen, Pershinske, Moll, Duke, Schweitzer, Rutledge, DenBoer, Colegrove, DuFour

Council members absent: DeVillez, Scheuneman, Livermore

The new MDNR Field Deputy Stacy Welling was present to introduce herself to the council and offer her background along with an update on topics covered at the NRC meeting.

Amendment to the proposed agenda, item “g” was added for discussion of the proposed new regulations for the early removal of ice shanties on the boundary waters between Michigan and Wisconsin.

Approval of the November 10, 2008 minutes.

Motioned by Duke and seconded by Colegrove to approve the minutes as present. All ayes, motion carried.

No public comment during the first opportunity.

MDNR staff was present to provide updates from their various departments.

Old Business

Motioned by DenBoer and seconded by Moll to approve the Bylaws presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Looking to fill 4 council positions. Applications are being sought.

Western UP council update by Field Deputy Welling. The hot issues on the western end are deer surveys and deer combo licensing. It was suggested that we coordinate a meeting in 2009 with the WUPCAC.

Regarding letterhead for the Council. It was a general consensus that none was needed at the present time.

New Business

2008 deer season report was given by MDNR staff. Buck harvest was down by an estimated 20%.

Regarding the current feeding and baiting regulations in Michigan, it was motioned by Colegrove and seconded by DuFour that “no changes to the baiting and feeding programs currently stipulated by MDNR”. DenBoer requested more information which was provided by

Terry Minzey MDNR Wildlife Biologist. After further discussion, vote was all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion over off-shore wind energy and carbon credits.

Discussion on the change to ice shanty removal dates on the boundary waters. This issue was pushed to the WUP CAC for further consideration since it is more applicable to their area.

It was requested and noted that the next meeting agenda should have a synopsis from Rory Mattson on Non-Industrial Private Lands and how to get more private landowners involved in land management programs.

Consideration of the meeting calendar. It was selected that all efforts will be made to have the EUP CAC meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the chosen month.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2009 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the LMAS District Health Department in Newberry.

Public comment

Jim Bratner (?) a Luce County ORV trail volunteer gave a presentation about their projects signing and informing ORV trail users of the rules and regulations to riding in Luce County. The volunteer group has erected signs that hold flyers and rule handbooks. They are currently seeking funding from industrial landowners and others to continue the project which has had great success.

Council member Rutledge would like to see MDNR budget information at some point during a meeting. It may be a good item to have provided during the joint meeting between the two councils.

Motioned by Rodock and seconded by Colgrove to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.